

Carey House
Burlington City, Burlington County, New Jersey

HABS-NJ-321 ✓

HABS
NJ
3-BURL
H-

PHOTOGRAPHS
WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA
District of New Jersey

Historic American Buildings Survey
Seymour Williams, A.I.A., District Officer
133 Central Avenue, Rahway, New Jersey

Carey House
Burlington City, Burlington County, New Jersey

Owner: Frederick Peter

Date of Erection: Third quarter 18th century

Architect:

Builder:

Present Condition: Fair, considerably altered

Number of Stories: Three

Materials of Construction: Foundation - stone

Exterior walls - brick

Interior walls - plaster

Inside brick chimneys

Roof - pitch

Historical Data:

The earliest record found is a conveyance of Abraham Stockton to Henry Burr of April 30, 1794. In this conveyance it is mentioned that Stockton acquired the land by deed from Elias Wright in 1792. There are four other transfers recorded before 1833 when Roland Jones and others, as commissioners, sold the property to Henry C. Carey.

According to local tradition this Henry C. Carey was the famous American economist and publisher.

There is no mention in either Elder or the Dictionary of American Biography of Carey having lived in Burlington, but it is possible that he did since communication between Burlington and Philadelphia was not difficult. Carey was the oldest son of Matthew Carey, an Irish political refugee and famous advocate for the protection of American manufacturers. His son was in the book business as the leading partner of Carey and Lea, later Carey, Lea, and Carey, and still later Carey and Hart. He retired in 1845 at the age of forty-two and started the study of economics. He believed first in laissez-faire; finally he became a protectionist in 1844. He was the father of a school of economic thought.

Since the ownership of Henry C. Carey there has been several transfers of title. The present owner received title on August 8, 1924.

Bibliography:

Search of Burlington County records at
Mt. Holly by Betty R. Bishop, Burlington County
Office

Elder, William A Memoir of Henry C.
Carey Philadelphia, Henry Carey,
Bard & Company, 1881

Johnson, Allen) (Editors) Dictionary of
Malone, Dumas)
American Biography 20 Volumes New York,
Charles Scribner's & Sons, 1928-1936
(See article on Henry C. Carey by Broadus
Mitchell)

Walter C. Rath

Supervising Historian

Approved:

Seymour Williams

SEYMOUR WILLIAMS, A.I.A.
District Officer

W 8/9/57